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## **Statement from Congressman Istook Regarding Gasoline for America's Security (GAS) Act of 2005**

"Supply and demand is the biggest reason why gasoline is so costly. For years, we haven't produced enough and we haven't refined enough. America now has to bid against the rest of the world for the limited supply. It's common sense to produce more here, and we can do it without threatening the environment. This should have been a bipartisan vote, and I was very disappointed that every single Democrat in Congress showed more allegiance to their party leaders than to our country's future security."

"This bill is especially good for Oklahoma. We're one of the best places where refineries can be built or expanded, and it would be a major boost for our state's economy."

The GAS Act of 2005 passed the House by a vote of 212-210 and now heads to the Senate upon returning from recess.

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